

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 7 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments. The amendments are fully supported by the specification.

I. Claims 1-14 and 17-19 are Allowable

Claims 1-14 and 17-19 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2007/0127636 ("Adamczyk"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

A. Claims 1-3

The cited portions of Adamczyk do not anticipate claim 1 because the cited portions of Adamczyk do not teach every element of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest forwarding a call from a second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox, the destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as in claim 1.

The Office asserts that paragraphs [0071], [0072] and [0076] disclose this feature. *See* Office Action, paragraph 3. Instead, Adamczyk discloses that a caller initiates a call to a subscriber's directory telephone number. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0071]. The call is routed by the caller's service switching point (SSP) to the subscriber's SSP. If the subscriber does not answer, then the call encounters a no answer condition and the call is transferred to the voice mail system (VMS). *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0072]. The VMS is programmed to play a greeting to the caller. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0076]. The greeting provides the caller with information on an option to leave a message or to have the call transferred to a different directory number of the subscriber. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0076]. If the caller selects to have the call transferred to a different directory number, then the VMS is released. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0077]. In contrast to claim 1, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a

second redirecting number. Rather, Adamczyk discloses that the voice mailbox is selected based only on the subscriber's directory number. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0015]. In Adamczyk, once the caller selects to have the call transferred, the voice mail system (VMS) is no longer involved in the communication and does not select a voice mailbox. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0078], Figs. 2b and 3, Abstract. Thus, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1. Further, the dependent claims include additional features that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Adamczyk. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest that at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers is compared to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers and where the voice mailbox is selected from a group of available voice mailboxes based upon at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers, as in claim 3. The Office asserts that paragraph [0076] of Adamczyk discloses this feature. See Office Action, paragraph 5. Instead, Adamczyk discloses a table that includes a called party column and a destination address parameter (DAP) column. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0074]. With respect to each entry in the called party column, the DAP column stores a directory number used in office translation to identify the SS7 trunks terminating to a VMS for a corresponding subscriber. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0074]. The cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest comparing redirecting numbers to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers. Thus, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest that at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers is compared to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers and where the voice mailbox is selected from a group of available voice mailboxes based upon at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers, as in claim 3. For this additional reason, claim 3 is allowable.

B. Claims 4-6

The cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 4. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest formulating a response message to a query message, the response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, where a destination voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, the address determined based upon a redirecting number of a redirecting device, as in claim 4. Instead, Adamczyk discloses that the voice mailbox is selected based only on the subscriber's directory number. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0015]. In Adamczyk, once the caller selects to have the call transferred, the voice mail system (VMS) is no longer involved in the communication. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0078], Figs. 2b and 3, Abstract. Thus, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest that the address is determined based upon a redirecting number of a redirecting device, as in claim 4. Therefore, claim 4 is allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 4.

C. Claims 7-14 and 17-19

The cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 7. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest a request message including a subscriber telephone number and a redirecting number of a redirecting device, where a switching control point is operative to send a response message to a service switching point based on an evaluation of the redirecting number, the response message including a field to identify a number associated with a voicemail account, where the voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 7. Instead, Adamczyk discloses that a caller initiates a call to a subscriber's directory telephone number. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0071]. If the subscriber does not answer, then the call encounters a no answer condition and the call is transferred to the voice mail system (VMS). See Adamczyk, paragraph [0072]. The VMS provides the caller with information on an option to leave a message or to have the call transferred to a different directory number of the subscriber. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0076]. If the caller selects to have the call transferred to a different directory number, then the VMS is released. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0077]. In contrast to

claim 7, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of a redirecting number. Rather, Adamczyk discloses that the voice mailbox is selected based only on the subscriber's directory number. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0015]. In Adamczyk, once the caller selects to have the call transferred, the voice mail system (VMS) is no longer involved in the communication and does not select a voice mailbox. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0078], Figs. 2b and 3, Abstract. Thus, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of the redirecting number, as in claim 7. Therefore, claim 7 is allowable.

Claims 8-14 and 17-19 depend from claim 7, which the Applicant has shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 8-14 and 17-19 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 7. Further, the dependent claims include additional features that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Adamczyk. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest that a call is routed to a default home voicemail system when the redirecting number is not found in an authorized list of redirecting numbers, as in claim 11. The Office asserts that paragraph [0049] of Adamczyk discloses this feature. See Office Action, paragraph 12. Instead, Adamczyks disclose a table that includes a called party column and a destination address parameter (DAP) column. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0074]. With respect to each entry in the called party column, the DAP column stores a directory number used in office translation to identify the SS7 trunks terminating to a VMS for a corresponding subscriber. See Adamczyk, paragraph [0074]. In Adamczyk, the table discloses a directory number for a subscriber and associated voice mailbox. However, the cited portions of Adamczyk fail to disclose or suggest that the call is routed to a default home voicemail system when the redirecting number is not found in an authorized list of redirecting numbers, as in claim 11. For this additional reason, claim 11 is allowable.

II. Claims 15 and 16 are Allowable

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Adamczyk. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 7, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. As explained above, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest each of the elements of claim 7. For example, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest a request message including a subscriber telephone number and a redirecting number of a redirecting device, where a switching control point is operative to send a response message to a service switching point based on an evaluation of the redirecting number, the response message including a field to identify a number associated with a voicemail account, where the voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 7. Instead, Adamczyk discloses that a caller initiates a call to a subscriber's directory telephone number. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0071]. If the subscriber does not answer, then the call encounters a no answer condition and the call is transferred to the voice mail system (VMS). *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0072]. The VMS provides the caller with information on an option to leave a message or to have the call transferred to a different directory number of the subscriber. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0076]. If the caller selects to have the call transferred to a different directory number, then the VMS is released. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0077]. In contrast to claim 7, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of a redirecting number. Rather, Adamczyk discloses that the voice mailbox is selected based only on the subscriber's directory number. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0015]. In Adamczyk, once the caller selects to have the call transferred, the voice mail system (VMS) is no longer involved in the communication and does not select a voice mailbox. *See* Adamczyk, paragraph [0078], Figs. 2b and 3, Abstract. Thus, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected based on an evaluation of the redirecting number, as in claim 7. Therefore, the cited portions of Adamczyk do not disclose or suggest each of the elements of claim 7, or of claims 15 and 16, which depend from claim 7. Hence, claims 15 and 16 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the cited portions of the references as applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the

objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

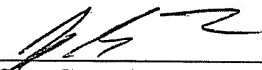
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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